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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of) Group Art Unit:
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JEFFREY P. WALKER and) Examiner:
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Serial No. 09/387,219) <u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, kindly amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly withdraw claims 1 and 5 and substitute the following claims 7-20 therefor:

--7. A method for delivering a therapeutic agent to a predetermined location of a host comprising:

providing to a host in need of a therapeutic agent a therapeutic composition comprising said therapeutic agent complexed with a lipid substance which either limits interaction between the therapeutic agent and the host environment or promotes the delivery of the therapeutic agent in the host;

establishing an electrical field which encompasses a predetermined region within said host;

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